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ENZYMES INVOLVED IN PETROSELINIC ACID BIOSYNTHESIS $\underline{ \text{ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE} }$

This invention relates to an isolated nucleic acid fragment encoding a gene involved in petroselinic acid biosynthesis. The invention also relates to the construction of a chimeric gene encoding all or a portion of the gene involved in petroselinic acid biosynthesis, in sense or antisense orientation, wherein expression of the chimeric gene results in production of altered levels of the gene involved in petroselinic acid biosynthesis in a transformed host cell.

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